

DIGEST OF CURRENT ECONOMIC STATISTICS, AUSTRALIA SEPTEMBER 1979

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

The Digest contains the latest available figures at the time of issue for a selection of monthly and quarterly series. Where possible, series are shown both in their original and seasonally adjusted form.

Seasonal adjustment

2. Measures of variability and details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting Bureau statistics are given in Appendixes D and C, respectively, of *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators* (1308.0). This annual publication also contains historical original and seasonally adjusted data in tabular and graphical form of a selection of the statistics appearing in the Bureau's monthly and quarterly publications.

3. As well as being adjusted for normal seasonal factors, some of the statistical series included in the Digest have been adjusted for the effects of calendar variations, namely, "trading-day" effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. in a month) and the influence of movable holidays, e.g. Easter and Australia Day.

4. Most of the original and seasonally adjusted series are subject to revision.

Related publications

5. More detailed information is available in the *Monthly Summary of Statistics, Australia* (1304.0) (\$1.70). Publications from which the series in the Digest are derived are listed on page 8.

6. All current publications produced by the ABS are listed in *Catalogue of Publications* (1101.0) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

- n.a. not available
- r figure or series revised since previous issue
- n.y.a. not yet available
- break in continuity of series
(where a line is drawn across
a column between two consecutive
figures)

7. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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PRODUCTION

		Black coal '000 to nes		Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes		Lead (b) '000 tonnes		Electricity mil. kWh		Gas (c) mil. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		Electric motors under 720 W '000		
Month		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	
1978-79	August	6,998	7,219	21,692	40.6	8,386	7,479	26,776	22,288	551	567	438	423	31.0	27.8	246	209			
	September	6,910	6,925		36.7	7,553	7,381	22,886	21,162	593	595	477	456	37.3	33.4	289	256			
	October	7,884	7,016	22,020	35.6	7,398	7,445	22,622	22,103	660	622	436	415	40.8	34.8	267	230			
	November	8,437	7,309		40.7	7,112	7,523	22,404	24,323	597	640	455	428	42.1	36.2	286	228			
	December	4,996	6,315	22,214	25.5	6,886	7,487	19,795	23,094	641	635	407	421	32.0	38.8	238	252			
	January	4,565	6,285		25.5	7,077	7,783	18,839	23,542	664	615	298	444	13.5	38.7	100	229			
	February	7,242	7,045	22,214	34.4	6,920	7,694	18,892	22,879	596	639	429	439	38.1	38.6	219	238			
	March	7,464	7,174		37.0	7,426	7,653	20,823	23,090	638	616	478	452	41.3	37.8	277	259			
	April	5,709	6,807	18,255	32.1	7,143	7,713	22,212	23,677	665	684	389	393	29.9	32.8	209	249			
	May	8,209	6,821		40.7	8,275	7,862	25,076	23,571	671	640	456	437	48.1	39.4	233	235			
	June	7,087	6,722	18,255	34.5	8,240	7,550	26,884	23,334	637	662	457	453	43.0	43.3	241	246			
					34.5															
1979-80	July	6,513	6,190	n.y.a.	36.5	8,977	7,802	29,784	24,134	686	686	468	434	42.8	41.1	259	241			
	August	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		n.y.a.	n.y.a.	8,997	7,973	29,411	24,543	706	725	453	436	45.5	41.8	315	272		
	September	n.y.a.	n.y.a.			n.y.a.	8,017	7,917	25,972	24,001	705	727	456	442	40.8	36.8	344	301		

(a) Gross mine output. (b) Metallic contents of mine products. (c) Available for use through mains: includes natural gas. (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state.

PRODUCTION - continued

STOCKS (c)

Month	Cotton woven cloth (excl. towelling) '000 sq m		Woolen and worsted woven cloth (excl. blanketing) '000 sq m		Man-made fibre-cloth '000 sq m		Meat '000 tonnes		Price Index Manufacturing Division (a)		Whole milk production all purposes mil. litres		Brokers and Dealers receipts of taxable wool		Book value at end of quarter \$m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Total receipts tonnes	% of total received by brokers (b)	Original	Seas. adj.
1978-79 - August	13,813	3,422	716	664	11,415	240	230	224.3	453	478	73,106	76.0			20,146	20,081
September	4,267	3,477	667	671	10,873	235	231	227.0	607	490	88,012	76.7				
October	3,871	3,477	839	722	12,323	259	243	229.7	753	483	107,746	77.8				
November	3,642	3,373	840	680	11,868	258	248	231.5	724	468	91,065	75.8			20,551	20,658
December	2,791	3,140	650	733	8,942	208	239	233.6	665	463	50,813	75.1				
January	1,228	3,118	347	641	4,207	215	236	237.0	579	462	37,547	73.7				
February	3,061	2,903	764	680	11,541	229	244	241.5	434	480	34,939	70.7			21,285	21,279
March	4,214	3,878	760	657	12,340	243	232	244.7	375	457	11,955	71.7				
April	2,766	3,332	553	636	10,114	199	218	248.7	289	454	12,532	73.2				
May	3,599	4,442	678	639	13,741	216	195	252.1	243	467	12,671	74.1			22,006	21,964
June	4,491	3,837	663	755	13,822	182	181	255.3	231	471	22,989	72.6				
1979-80 - July	3,921	3,804	755	756	13,618	190	185	259.2	312	482	14,121	74.3				
August	4,091	3,246	758	722	13,353	214	208	261.7	484	511	19,876	76.7			n.y.a.	n.y.a.
September	4,938	4,548	733	764	11,945	210	213	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.				

(a) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (b) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (c) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5630.0.

OVERSEAS TRANSACTIONS

Month	Total exports, value \$m		Total imports, value \$m		Value of merchandise at average 1974-75 prices (c)		Export price index (revised) (a) All groups 1974-75 = 100	Balance on current account \$m	Net Apparent capital inflow \$m	Official reserve assets (b) \$m	
					Exports		Imports	Original	Original	Original	Seas. adj.
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.					
1978-79 - August	1,038	999	1,135	1,033	2,195	2,053	133	356	246	3,315	3,353
September	935	939	981	1,050			135	303	222	3,274	3,300
October	1,137	1,148	1,194	1,151			137	367	266	3,328	3,356
November	1,208	1,146	1,206	1,141	2,425	2,228	137	212	279	3,226	3,250
December	1,088	1,148	1,034	1,157			140	258	195	3,200	3,219
January	1,314	1,320	1,213	1,150			142	221	114	3,377	3,441
February	1,132	1,178	1,051	1,124	2,596	2,114	146	102	325	3,723	3,708
March	1,172	1,268	1,144	1,132			149	302	184	3,600	3,602
April	1,246	1,259	1,120	1,235			156	278	371	3,677	3,620
May	1,493	1,444	1,318	1,254	2,600	2,224	159	235	296	3,824	3,783
June	1,406	1,346	1,288	1,348			161	189	208	3,885	3,848
1979-80 - July	1,403	1,392	1,227	1,141			161	250	117	3,865	3,818
August	1,301	1,231	1,325	1,211	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	162	320	101	3,667	3,696
September	1,381	1,454	1,102	1,197			n.y.a.	30	227	3,858	3,893

(a) Introduced in July 1979. For further detail see July 1979 issue of publication 6405.0. (b) From the end of June 1976 gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to \$A at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month. (c) Replaces estimates at average 1966-67 prices. See publication 5421.0.

INTERNAL TRADE

Retail Sales (a)														Instalment credit for retail sales, finance companies and other business balances outstanding (e) \$m
Month	All items except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (b) \$m		Food & drink (b) \$m		Clothing, hardware, electrical and furniture (b) \$m		Other (b)(c) \$m		New motor cars and station wagons registered '000		Other new motor vehicles registered (d) '000		Original	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		
1978-79 - August	2,050	2,085	2,940	3,011	2,064	2,128	1,045	1,093	44.5	40.4	10.9	10.3	2,956	
September	2,059	2,115							41.6	43.0	9.8	10.3	2,967	
October	2,091	2,124							38.8	39.0	9.9	9.9	2,983	
November	2,224	2,114	3,331	3,106	2,530	2,170	1,345	1,146	39.1	37.4	9.9	9.5	3,000	
December	2,291	2,184							35.2	38.6	8.6	9.4	3,027	
January	2,038	2,182							31.0	35.1	7.7	8.9	3,027	
February	1,945	2,203	3,149	3,189	1,932	2,235	1,075	1,134	35.4	38.8	9.4	10.7	3,021	
March	2,174	2,217							38.9	37.1	9.5	9.3	3,017	
April	2,076	2,206							36.4	37.3	8.7	9.3	3,016	
May	2,324	2,247	3,230	3,297	2,247	2,221	1,080	1,152	45.4	40.3	10.7	9.5	3,029	
June	2,138	2,224							40.2	40.1	9.7	8.7	3,034	
1979-80 - July	2,163	2,308							44.2	43.2	10.4	9.5	3,047	
August	2,301	2,304	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	43.3	39.6	9.8	9.1	3,032	
September	n.y.a.	n.y.a.							36.1	38.4	8.9	9.8	n.y.a.	

(a) Based on the 1973-74 census of retail establishments. (b) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (c) Other: excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (d) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses. (e) At end of month, amounts financed to new agreements made were: April \$m136, May \$m160, June \$m138, July \$n143.

WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

		Average weekly earnings per employed male unit \$		Weekly wage rates index, adult males (b) 1954 = 100	Average weekly overtime hours per employee (c)	Consumer price index, six capitals, 1966-67 = 100.0 unless otherwise noted (a)							
						All groups	Food (d)	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care (e)
Month	Original	Seas. adj.			Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original
1978-79 - August	218.90	221.40	543.8	n.a.	252.5	236.0	269.0	285.2	221.1	251.2	245.3	350.2	117.6
September			547.2	n.a.		238.8							
October	228.20	222.00	547.3	n.a.	258.2	242.6	274.8	290.5	224.2	259.7	287.5	281.9	119.5
November			547.5	n.a.		244.0							
December	222.80	231.00	569.5	n.a.	262.6	245.3	276.6	294.3	227.8	265.8	286.5	285.4	121.7
January			569.6	n.a.		250.1							
February	232.80	231.40	569.7	n.a.	269.6	251.9	284.8	299.9	230.5	274.1	290.4	289.3	124.0
March			570.0	n.a.		251.9							
April			570.2	n.a.		259.6							
May			570.3	n.a.		263.3							
June			588.0	n.a.		267.4							
1979-80 - July	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	588.0	1.3	275.8	272.6	288.6	304.5	235.7	284.4	293.9	293.8	125.2
August			588.3	1.4		270.9							
September			n.y.a.	1.3		271.5							

(a) The composition of the group structure of the index has been altered with the introduction, from December quarter 1976, of the ninth Consumer Price Index series. (b) Weighted average. Excludes rural. (c) Results of sample surveys of government employers and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS as at the third Friday of the month shown. For further notes relating to these estimates see *Overtime, Australia* (6330.0). (d) Quarterly series may be derived by averaging the three monthly figures. However, in some cases quarterly index numbers so derived differ slightly from the quarterly figures as published in *Consumer Price Index* bulletins due to rounding. (e) Base December quarter 1968 = 100.0. (f) Base September quarter 1976 = 100.0.

BUILDING, ETC.

Month	Building approvals \$m		Building approvals dwellings '000 units		Government building approved \$m		Building commenced total \$m		Dwellings commenced '000 units		Price indexes (a)		New capital expenditure by private enterprises				
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Original	Seas. adj.	Buildings and structures \$m		Other capital equipment \$m	
														Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1978-79 - August	573.1	584.1	10.4	9.9	120.1	1,672.9	1,599.7	29.1	27.6	260.2	259.4	523.3	511.8	1,453.7	1,471.0		
September	522.8	530.1	9.9	9.9	72.1	1,582.1	1,679.1	26.8	28.5	260.9	259.9	660.5	586.9	1,665.8	1,568.1		
October	582.5	540.4	11.1	10.6	105.7					262.0	260.9						
November	637.3	545.6	11.4	10.6	108.9	1,753.2	1,826.0	30.8	31.7	263.0	262.5	450.0	551.9	1,445.4	1,652.3		
December	460.1	519.6	9.8	11.1	70.6					264.6	264.4						
January	439.1	535.6	8.1	10.3	104.4	1,800.1	1,710.9	31.8	30.7	266.9	268.3	588.8	567.5	1,840.3	1,713.1		
February	560.8	642.6	9.8	11.0	114.8					270.9	273.4						
March	582.4	567.8	11.9	11.1	108.0	280.2	279.3			273.7	275.0						
April	507.2	536.9	10.2	11.0	81.9					277.2	277.3						
May	667.5	573.0	13.6	11.9	115.7					278.7	278.6						
June	651.7	589.7	12.0	11.1	122.6					280.2	279.3						
1979-80 - July	606.8	569.1	12.4	11.9	103.6	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	283.6	285.2	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		
August	611.5	629.2	11.9	11.8	88.5					287.6	288.5						
September	625.9	656.1	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.					290.6	290.2						

(a) Weighted average six State capital cities, 1966-67 = 100.0.

FINANCE

FINANCE															
Month	Savings banks – Depositors' Balances (a) \$m		Major Trading Banks (b)				Finance companies' balances outstanding (c) \$m	Housing finance for owner occupation – value of loans approved (d)			Commonwealth bond yield short dated new money raised (f) per cent	Listed companies revenue funds raised \$m	Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m		
	Original	Seas. adj.	Deposits \$m		Advances \$m			Banks \$m	Permanent building societies \$m	Other lenders (e) \$m			Original	Original	Original
			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original				Original	Original			
1978-79 – August	18,381	18,361	18,255	18,856	13,962	13,953	15,772	303	170	89	8.79	407.7	2,113	2,104	
September	18,537	18,395	18,600	19,108	14,142	14,158	15,953	290	164	80	8.79		1,633		
October	18,636	18,417	18,952	19,176	14,516	14,278	16,094	300	177	93	8.69	500.8	1,658	2,146	
November	18,677	18,543	19,232	19,189	14,488	14,426	16,350	342	195	105	8.66		2,396	2,268	
December	18,870	18,747	19,601	19,335	14,683	14,680	16,571	246	164	79	8.67		1,776	2,270	
January	19,056	18,996	20,046	19,312	14,537	14,624	16,586	334	172	80	8.72	172.2	2,115	2,338	
February	19,278	19,161	20,461	19,645	14,479	14,889	16,655	318	204	68	8.77		2,347	2,423	
March	19,340	19,463	20,852	20,023	14,651	14,963	16,755	316	216	97	9.00	200.4	2,227	2,383	
April	19,229	19,558	20,653	20,093	15,134	15,045	16,858	276	176	87	9.61		3,346	2,425	
May	19,462	19,758	19,902	20,130	15,218	15,024	17,046	355	183	109	9.70		3,233	2,215	
June	19,833	19,885	19,602	20,370	15,203	15,105	17,135	305	166	89	9.94		2,623	2,342	
1979-80 – July	19,927	19,980	19,548	20,429	15,447	15,318	17,453	303	165	91	9.94	n.y.a.	1,887	n.y.a.	
August	20,131	20,094	19,965	20,622	15,580	15,568	17,579	354	179	100	9.94		2,606	n.y.a.	
September	20,247	20,102	20,324	20,897	(g)15,718	(g)15,733	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	9.95		n.y.a.	n.y.a.	

(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Amounts shown relate to all types of finance agreements and provide a broad overall measure of finance company activity. For further details see the monthly publication *Finance Companies* (5614.0). (d) Includes loans for alterations and additions. (e) Includes Terminating Building Societies, Finance companies, Credit Unions, Insurance companies and Government Instrumentalities. (f) This series was previously based on rebate bonds which were issued prior to 1 November 1968. Income on these bonds was subject to income tax at current rates less a rebate of 10 cents in each dollar of Australian Government loan interest included in taxable income. The series is now based on non-rebate bonds. (g) Break in series due to a change in accounting procedures for personal instalment loans component by some banks, comparable figures for earlier months on the revised basis will be published when available.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

Quarter	Gross domestic product \$m		Gross farm product \$m		Gross non-farm product \$m		Final consumption expenditure				Gross fixed capital expenditure			
							Private \$m		Government \$m		Private \$m		Public \$m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
AT CURRENT PRICES														
1977-78 - June	22,615	23,501	582	1,051	22,033	22,450	14,201	14,200	4,038	3,904	3,530	3,378	2,320	1,978
1978-79 - September	23,918	24,454	1,017	1,510	22,901	22,944	14,398	14,511	4,060	4,093	3,372	3,378	1,815	1,966
December	27,085	24,971	2,348	1,586	24,737	23,385	15,692	14,895	4,278	4,124	3,808	3,602	2,082	1,991
March	25,331	25,954	2,162	1,706	23,169	24,248	14,750	15,450	3,968	4,238	3,347	3,716	1,794	2,094
June	25,300	26,565	1,115	1,888	24,185	24,677	15,707	15,704	4,383	4,239	3,969	3,797	2,526	2,153
1979-80 - September	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

AT AVERAGE 1974-75 PRICES														
1977-78 - June	15,711	16,559	398	947	15,313	15,612	9,839	9,819	2,881	2,789	2,397	2,288	1,618	1,363
1978-79 - September	16,502	17,020	719	1,282	15,783	15,738	9,762	9,830	2,838	2,861	2,280	2,276	1,253	1,362
December	18,920	17,151	2,093	1,288	16,827	15,863	10,336	9,837	2,968	2,887	2,499	2,382	1,418	1,360
March	17,090	17,326	1,806	1,226	15,284	16,100	9,520	9,978	2,682	2,832	2,150	2,379	1,184	1,391
June	16,126	17,264	477	1,305	15,649	15,959	9,937	9,915	2,938	2,845	2,503	2,391	1,643	1,385
1979-80 - September	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

AT CURRENT PRICES - continued														
Quarter	Imports of goods and services \$m		Exports of goods and services \$m		Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises				Wages, salaries and supplements \$m		Income of farm unincorporated enterprises \$m	Other household income \$m	Less direct taxes, etc. (a) \$m	Household disposable income \$m
					Companies \$m		Other \$m							
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Original	Original
1977-78 June	3,806	3,796	3,571	3,542	2,708	2,745	4,001	4,876	13,174	13,279	79	19,984	5,205	14,859
1978-79 September	4,057	3,959	3,536	3,592	2,705	2,701	5,093	5,326	13,484	13,643	492	19,935	2,812	17,616
December	4,278	4,400	3,988	3,818	3,240	2,781	6,784	5,597	14,165	13,655	1,721	21,237	3,008	19,960
March	4,278	4,275	4,216	4,384	2,275	2,719	6,069	5,899	13,842	14,290	1,561	20,489	3,744	18,306
June	4,642	4,636	4,583	4,542	2,729	2,782	5,036	6,280	14,388	14,462	542	21,896	5,704	16,734
1979-80 September	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid or payable by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE (a) (^{'000})UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (c) (^{'000})

Month	CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE (a) ('000)						UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (c) ('000)							Survey estimates (d)
	Males		Females		Persons		Looking for full-time		Looking for part-time work		Total			
	Original	Seas. adj. (b)	Original	Seas. adj. (b)	Original	Seas. adj. (b)	Males	Females			Males	Females	Persons	
1978-79 - August	4,053.8	4,075.8	2,311.5	2,327.1	6,365.3	6,404.0	207.3	125.3	63.1	221.5	174.2	395.7	n.a.	
September	4,062.7		2,311.5		6,369.6		204.7	120.1	59.7	218.1	166.4	384.5		
October	4,062.7		2,311.5		6,374.1		194.0	111.9	61.6	207.9	159.6	367.5		
November	4,052.4	4,067.5	2,314.6	2,320.3	6,367.0	6,388.1	191.0	117.9	60.9	206.4	163.3	369.7	n.a.	
December	4,165.3		2,373.5		6,538.7		219.0	153.9	67.4	241.6	199.7	441.2		
January	4,119.3		2,266.8		6,386.1		235.2	155.9	55.0	250.0	196.1	446.2		
February	4,135.4	4,107.1	2,337.5	2,322.4	6,472.9	6,427.1	229.5	152.2	72.3	241.8	212.1	453.9	n.a.	
March	4,127.4		2,359.2		6,486.6		206.6	146.9	71.4	223.1	201.8	425.0		
April	4,124.6		2,348.5		6,473.1		202.1	144.2	70.4	217.2	199.5	416.8		
May	4,118.9	4,110.0	2,321.0	2,315.7	6,439.9	6,426.7	197.7	137.5	61.4	210.6	186.0	396.6		
June	4,115.6		2,331.3		6,446.9		192.8	130.7	65.8	206.0	183.3	389.3	34.3	
1979-80 - July	4,112.4		2,337.8		6,450.2		188.1	131.8	63.7	201.6	182.0	383.6		
August	4,100.7	4,122.8	2,314.6	2,329.4	6,415.3	6,453.4	182.8	130.1	60.8	196.1	177.7	373.8	33.0	
September	4,140.9		2,373.7		6,514.6		184.7	138.3	73.5	201.6	194.9	396.5		

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. The labour force is the sum of the employed and the unemployed. (b) Seasonally adjusted estimates available only for February, May, August and November. (c) Labour force survey estimates. Suspension of seasonally adjusted unemployment estimates is explained in the November 1977 issue of *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0). (d) Results of sample surveys of government employers and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS at the third Friday of the month shown. For further notes relating to these estimates see *Job Vacancies, May 1979* (6231.0).

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES (a) (b)

Month	Total civilian employees '000						Private/Government '000 persons				Principal industries '000 persons			
	Males		Females		Persons		Private		Government		Manufacturing		Wholesale and Retail Trade	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1978-79 - August	3,081.0	3,086.6	1,837.0	1,838.4	4,917.9	4,925.0	3,418.7	3,428.7	1,499.3	1,496.3	1,149.4	n.y.a.	980.4	n.y.a.
September (c)	3,079.1	3,087.9	1,838.4	1,838.4	4,917.5	4,926.3	3,419.8	3,427.8	1,497.7	1,498.5	1,150.4	n.y.a.	982.3	n.y.a.
October (c)	3,079.9	3,088.8	1,847.1	1,842.5	4,927.0	4,931.3	3,428.7	3,429.7	1,498.2	1,501.6	1,156.3	n.y.a.	988.4	n.y.a.
November (c)	3,090.3	3,093.0	1,859.1	1,847.3	4,949.3	4,940.3	3,449.8	3,437.3	1,499.6	1,503.0	1,160.7	n.y.a.	997.4	n.y.a.
December	3,094.0	3,096.0	1,854.6	1,855.5	4,948.6	4,951.5	3,452.4	3,444.5	1,496.1	1,507.0	1,155.7	n.y.a.	1,006.1	n.y.a.
January	3,087.4	3,095.7	1,835.8	1,857.7	4,923.3	4,954.4	3,432.5	3,447.7	1,490.8	1,506.7	1,153.3	n.y.a.	992.0	n.y.a.
February	3,101.9	3,098.2	1,858.2	1,861.9	4,960.0	4,960.1	3,453.5	3,454.2	1,506.6	1,505.9	1,164.5	n.y.a.	994.2	n.y.a.
March	3,110.3	3,100.9	1,869.4	1,865.5	4,979.7	4,966.4	3,467.7	3,458.4	1,512.0	1,508.0	1,170.3	n.y.a.	997.1	n.y.a.
April	3,107.4	3,098.8	1,871.4	1,867.9	4,978.7	4,966.7	3,464.2	3,458.9	1,514.5	1,517.8	1,164.6	n.y.a.	999.0	n.y.a.
May	3,111.9	3,102.1	1,875.1	1,872.1	4,987.0	4,974.2	3,471.3	3,465.5	1,515.7	1,508.7	1,166.3	n.y.a.	1,001.5	n.y.a.
June (c)	3,105.7	3,100.1	1,876.1	1,875.2	4,981.3	4,975.3	3,466.2	3,466.4	1,515.1	1,508.9	1,164.8	n.y.a.	997.6	n.y.a.
1979-80 - July (c)	3,098.1	3,098.3	1,882.2	1,882.2	4,981.3	4,980.5	3,466.0	3,471.6	1,515.3	1,508.9	1,163.8	n.y.a.	997.6	n.y.a.
August	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
September	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(c) The estimates contained in this table are based on revised benchmarks established by analysing data from the 1971 and 1976 population censuses, labour force surveys, economic censuses and surveys, payroll tax returns and returns from government bodies. For more detailed estimates and an explanation of the methods used to revise them refer to the July issue of *Civilian Employees* (6213.0). Employees in agriculture and private domestic service, and defence forces are excluded. (b) Seasonally adjusted estimates in this statement have been revised. For details of the methods used see *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, 1979* (1308.0). (c) Activities in industrial dispute.

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